

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Brokenshire et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2109**
Serial No.: **10/763,079** § Examiner: **Anwari, Maceeh**
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and Method** § Customer No.: **50170**
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